disposed on a distal end of the catheter 370. As discussed with respect to FIG. 29A, the compound slit valve 372 includes a plurality of intersecting slits 371. The slits 371 shown in FIGS. 29B-29D intersect at right angles, i.e., θ equals 90 degrees; however, the value θ of may vary from about 1 degree to about 179 degrees.

In the Drawings:

Replace existing sheet 15 of the drawings depicting FIGS. 30A, 30B, 31A, and 31B with the enclosed proposed sheet 15 of the drawings with amended FIG. 30A.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 43 to read as follows.

43. (Amended) A medical device comprising:

an elongate catheter including an external surface and at least one internal surface defining an internal lumen that extends longitudinally along at least a portion of the elongate catheter; and

a compound slit extending from a generally hemispherical portion of the external surface to the at least one internal surface and into communication with the internal lumen.

REMARKS

Applicants hereby amend the specification, drawings, and independent claim 43. No new matter has been entered thereby. The specification is amended to correct typographical errors. Regarding the proposed amendments to the drawings, FIG. 30A is being amended to clarify that the slit does not cut through the collar and to make the angle of the slit (372) correlate with the angle of the slit shown in FIG. 30B and described on page 22 at paragraph 0063. Claim 43 is amended to recite a compound slit extending from a generally hemispherical portion of the